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1. After the Pasewalk-Territoriale Verwaltung (Armeegruppe), the activation of which began in April 1952, had reached full strength work on the organization of three more Territoriale Verwaltungen (TVs) was started in Dresden, Leipzig and Dessau. In early October 1952, the headquarters of the three TVs were brought to full personnel and weapons strength. Officially, six Bereitschaften were assigned to each of the three headquarters involved. However, prior to late 1952, the headquarters only exercised control functions, while the authority of command was exclusively vested in the Berlin headquarters. It was not before early 1953 that the TVs were given authority of command over their Bereitschaften. This shift of command was to be extended also to the political and supply sectors about March 1953. Each of the three TVs, which were identical in their organizational set-up, had a strength of 10,000 men, the personnel strength of the individual Bereitschaften varying from 1,400 to 1,700 men. The TV headquarters consisted of about 400 men inclusive of the headquarters company and signal battalion, each in the strength of about 200 men.

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2. Statements made by SOG officers and Major General Bechler indicated that the new three TVs were to be given the strength of the Pasewalk TV. [redacted] measures to bring the IV to their prescribed strength would become effective in April or May 1953. This was inferred from a statement made by Bechler on 3 February 1953 to the effect that all the organizational measures required for the activation of the three TVs were to be completed by 31 March 1953.<sup>2</sup>

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3. [redacted] the following information on the set-up of the TV Dresden:

Sections and AssignmentsCommanding officer of TV  
lieutenant generalAdjutant  
lieutenant or senior lieutenant

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Sections and Assignments

Chief of staff, simultaneously  
1st deputy  
major general or lieutenant general

Deputy PK commander  
major general or lieutenant general

Deputy commander in charge of  
tank and mechanized troops  
major general or lieutenant general

Deputy commander in charge of  
artillery matters  
major general or lieutenant general

Deputy commander in charge of supply  
matters  
major general or lieutenant general

In charge of D 2 units (engineers)  
lieutenant colonel or colonel

In charge of chemical warfare matters  
lieutenant colonel or colonel

Operations Section:

Chief and deputy to chief of staff  
lieutenant colonel, colonel

Assistant chief of staff for operations  
captain or major

Assistant chief of staff for military  
intelligence  
captain or major

Assistant chief of staff for mobilization  
matters  
captain or major

Assistant chief of staff for rear services  
captain or major

1 clerk

PK-Section:

Two inspectors  
major or lieutenant colonel

Assistant for youth matters  
captain or major

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Party Control Commission:

Chief  
lieutenant colonel or colonel

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Sections and assignments

1 clerk

C Section (tank units):

Assistant for maintenance matters

major

Assistant for technical matters

major

1 clerk

Artillery Section:Chief, simultaneously deputy B  
major general or lieutenant generalChief of staff  
lieutenant colonel or colonelDeputy chief for AAA matters  
major or lieutenant colonelAssistant for operations  
captain or majorAssistant for reconnaissance  
captain or majorTwo additional assistants  
senior lieutenant or captain

1 clerk

1 draftsman

Ordnance Section:Chief  
major or lieutenant colonelAssistant  
captainMilitary Intelligence Section:Chief  
lieutenant colonel or colonelInterpreter (English?)  
lieutenant or senior lieutenantCadre Section:Chief  
major or lieutenant colonelAssistant  
captain

1 clerk

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General Affairs Section:

Chief  
major or lieutenant colonel

1 clerk

Administrative Section:

Chief  
captain or major

1 clerk

Cipher Section:

Chief  
captain or major

Two assistants  
captains

Signal Section:

Chief  
major or lieutenant colonel

Assistant for radio matters (?)  
captain or major

Supply Section:

Chief, simultaneously deputy commander  
in charge of supply matters  
major general or lieutenant general

Medical officer  
lieutenant colonel or colonel

Mess officer  
major or lieutenant colonel

Assistant to mess officer (sergeant)

Officer in charge of clothing  
major or lieutenant colonel

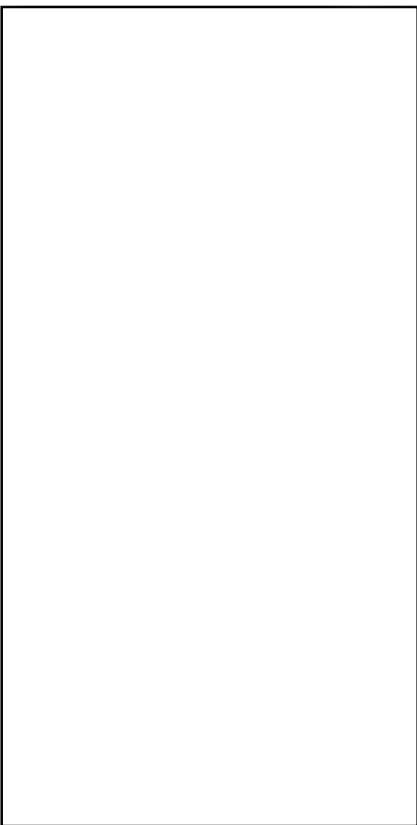
Assistant to officer in charge  
of clothing (sergeant)

Officer in charge of motor transport  
lieutenant colonel or colonel

POL officer  
major or lieutenant colonel

**Chief cook and civilian employees**

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Chief  
captain or major

Assistant to chief  
master sergeant

1 clerk

Topographic Section:

Chief  
lieutenant colonel or colonel

Headquarters Company:

Chief

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The company comprises an infantry and a motor transport platoon

Signal Battalion:

Commanding officer

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The battalion comprises a headquarters, a telephone-communications,  
and a radio company.

25X1A 1. Comment. At present the cadre units (Bereitschaften) have an average strength of over 2,000 men.

25X1A 2. Comment. This information indicates that the East German National Army will eventually consist of 4 Armeegruppen and 12 divisions.

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